

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS****Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)**

21. (Currently Amended) An elevator car having a car door movable for opening and closing an opening in a wall of the elevator car and a device for sealing a gap between the car door and the car wall comprising:

a groove formed in a surface of one of the elevator car door and the elevator car wall;  
a sealing strip mounted in said groove and having a movable wall portion for sealing the gap; and

actuator means for selectively moving said wall portion across the gap and into contact with another one of the car door and the car wall whereby the gap is sealed, wherein said sealing strip includes an upper part continuously sealing said gap at opposite sides and a top of said car door and a separate lower part sealing said gap between a bottom of said car door and a threshold of the elevator car.

22. (Previously Presented) The elevator car according to Claim 21 wherein said sealing strip has a resilient hollow body including said wall portion.

23. (Previously Presented) The elevator car according to Claim 22 wherein said actuator means supplies compressed air to an interior of said hollow body for moving said wall portion.

24. (Previously Presented) The elevator car according to Claim 21 wherein said actuator means includes a source of compressed air connected to an interior of said hollow body through a pressure reservoir.

25. (Previously Presented) The elevator car according to Claim 21 wherein said wall portion does not extend out of said groove when said sealing strip is in a relieved state.

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